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**Marine Corps Combat Development
Command**

Doctrine Division

Command Brief



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The Quest of Marine Corps Doctrine

General
A.A.
Vandegrift

“Despite its outstanding record as a combat force in the past war, the Marine Corps’ far greater contribution was doctrinal: that is, the fact that the basic amphibious doctrines which carried Allied troops over every beachhead of WW II had been largely shaped - often in the face of uninterested or doubting military orthodoxy - by U.S. Marines, and mainly between 1922 and 1935.”

Doctrine must be Timely, Relevant, and Compelling



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The Reality

“Doctrine, the last refuge of the unimaginative.”

“Bold thinker; unrestrained by doctrine or process.”

Overcoming the Skeptic



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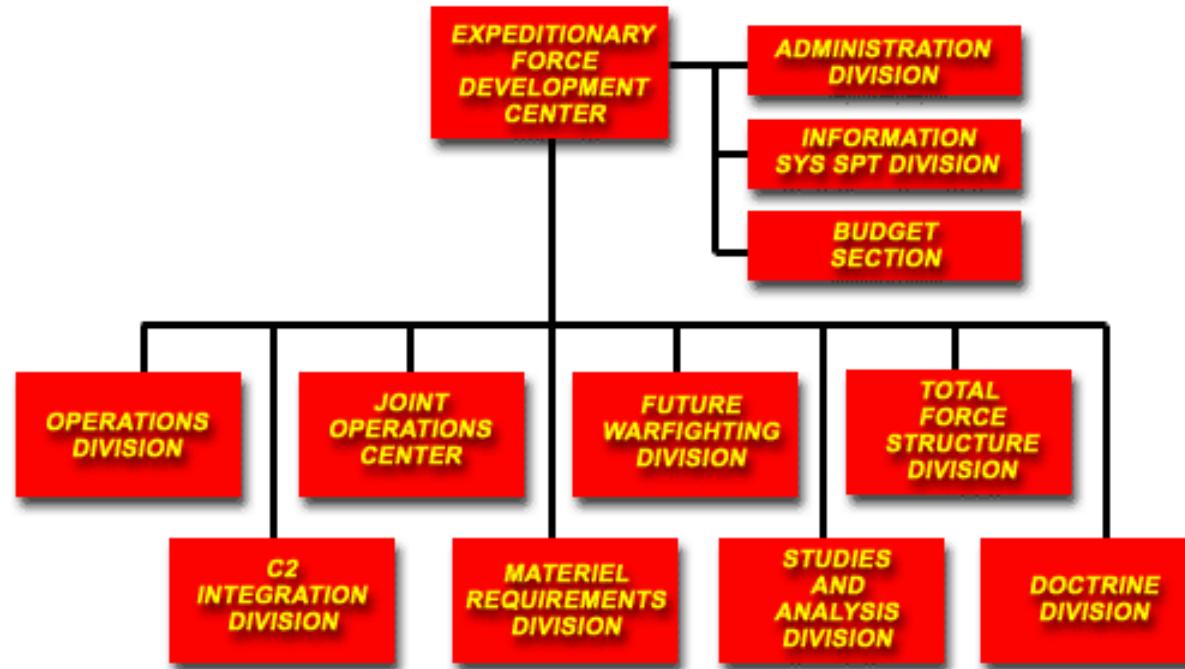
Overview

USMC Doctrine

- Challenges**
- Mission**
- Responsibilities**
- Origins**
- Methodology and Writing**
- Proponency**
- Production and Dissemination**



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***We are a Concept Based
Requirement System***



Challenge of Marine Corps Doctrine

**Remaining relevant in an era of accelerating
conceptual change.**

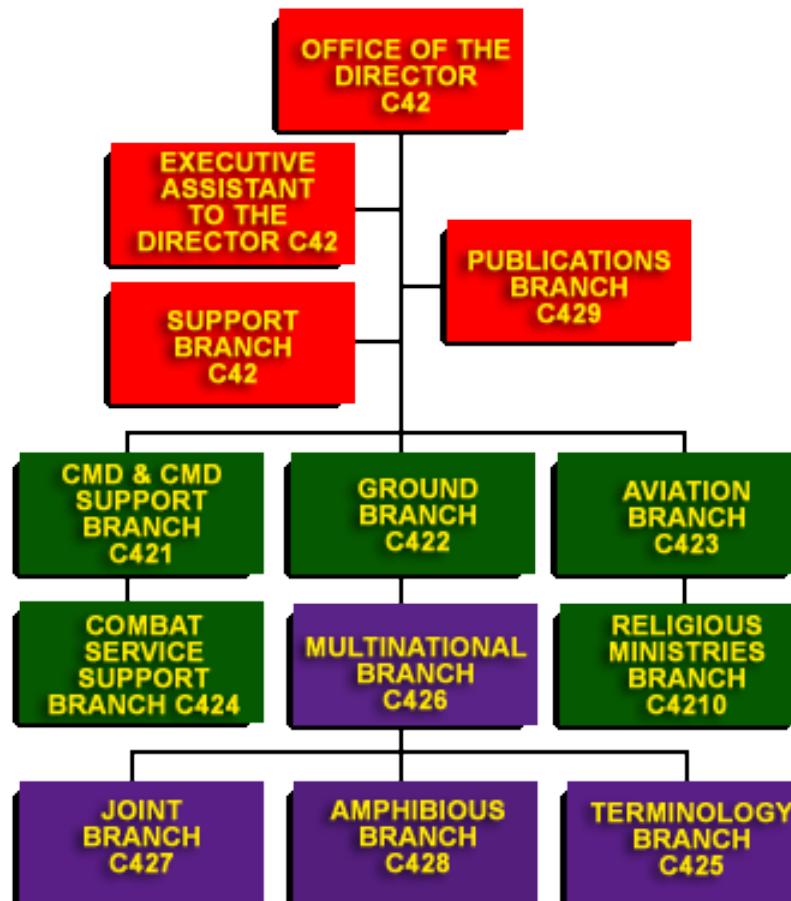
**Timely transition of concepts to Doctrine
through experimentation**

***Doctrine must be Timely, Relevant, and
Compelling***



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Challenge of Marine Corps Doctrine





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Mission of Marine Corps Doctrine Division

- **Coordinate development, publication and maintenance of Marine Corps service doctrine.**
- **Coordinate service input to the development, publication and maintenance of joint, multinational, multi-Service, and naval doctrine**
- **Participate in matters of standardization, terminology, and other combat development system processes.**



Marine Corps Doctrinal Responsibilities

- **Convert Marine Corps Concepts into Doctrine (MCDPs and MCWPs) and TTPs (MCRPs) for warfighting.**
- **Provide the foundation for instruction at all formal schools.**
- **Provide subject matter experts for Training & Education/Marine Corps University.**

***Ensure doctrine is current and consistent
across all the warfighting***



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Marine Corps Doctrinal Responsibilities (cont)

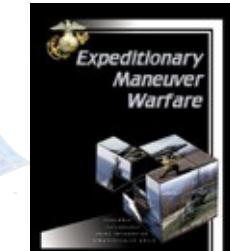
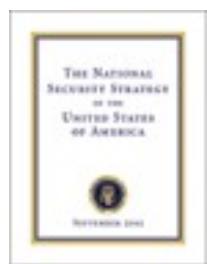
- **Protects and advocates Marine Corps interests in Joint and NATO arenas:**
 - **Tenets of maneuver warfare.**
 - **Articulate the primacy of the MAGTF.**
 - **Appropriate employment of Marine air.**

*Joint and NATO pubs will be
written
with or without us.*



Origins of Marine Corps Doctrine

- **Joint Vision and Joint Doctrine**
- **New Concepts and Equipment**
- **Experimentation and Exercises**
- **Functional Area Conferences and Professional Forums**
- **CMC Guidance**
- **Marine Corps Strategy 21**
- **Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare**
- **Universal Needs Statement (UNS)**



Strategy

Philosophy

CMC Vision

Strategy

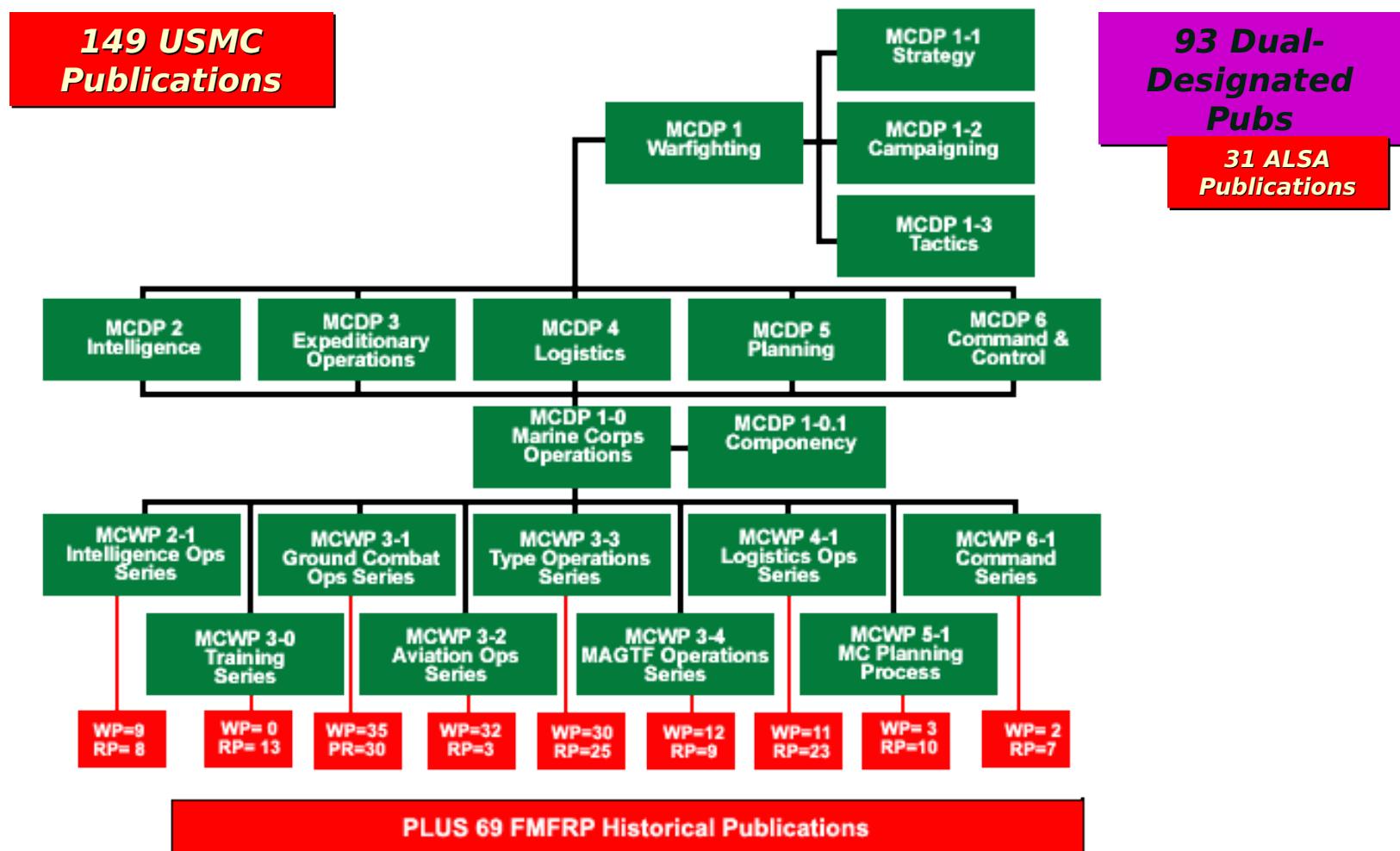
EMW Concept

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Doctrine Hierarchy

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Capstone Publications



“Box of Books”
Plus MCDP 1-0 Marine Corps
Operations and 1-0.1
Componency



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The How of Marine Corps Doctrine

- **Doctrine Division writes MCDPs and some MCWPs, proponency writes the rest**
 - In-house expertise/editors
 - Outside Experts--Contract support
- **Proponency**
 - **Command and Command Support: MAGTF Staff Training Program**
 - **Logistics: Marine Corps Service Support School and Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific/Atlantic**
 - **Aviation: Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics School/Marine Corps University/Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Atlantic**
 - **Ground: The Basic School/Infantry Officers Course**

Doctrine Division + Proponency = USMC Doctrine



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Proponency Program

- **Subject matter expertise from Marine Corps Supporting Establishment.**
- **Responsible for the preparation, review, and periodic maintenance of a doctrinal publication.**
- **Proponency is ultimately supervised by the Doctrine Division**
- **Assignments are reviewed annually and updated in Marine Corps Bulletin 5603.**



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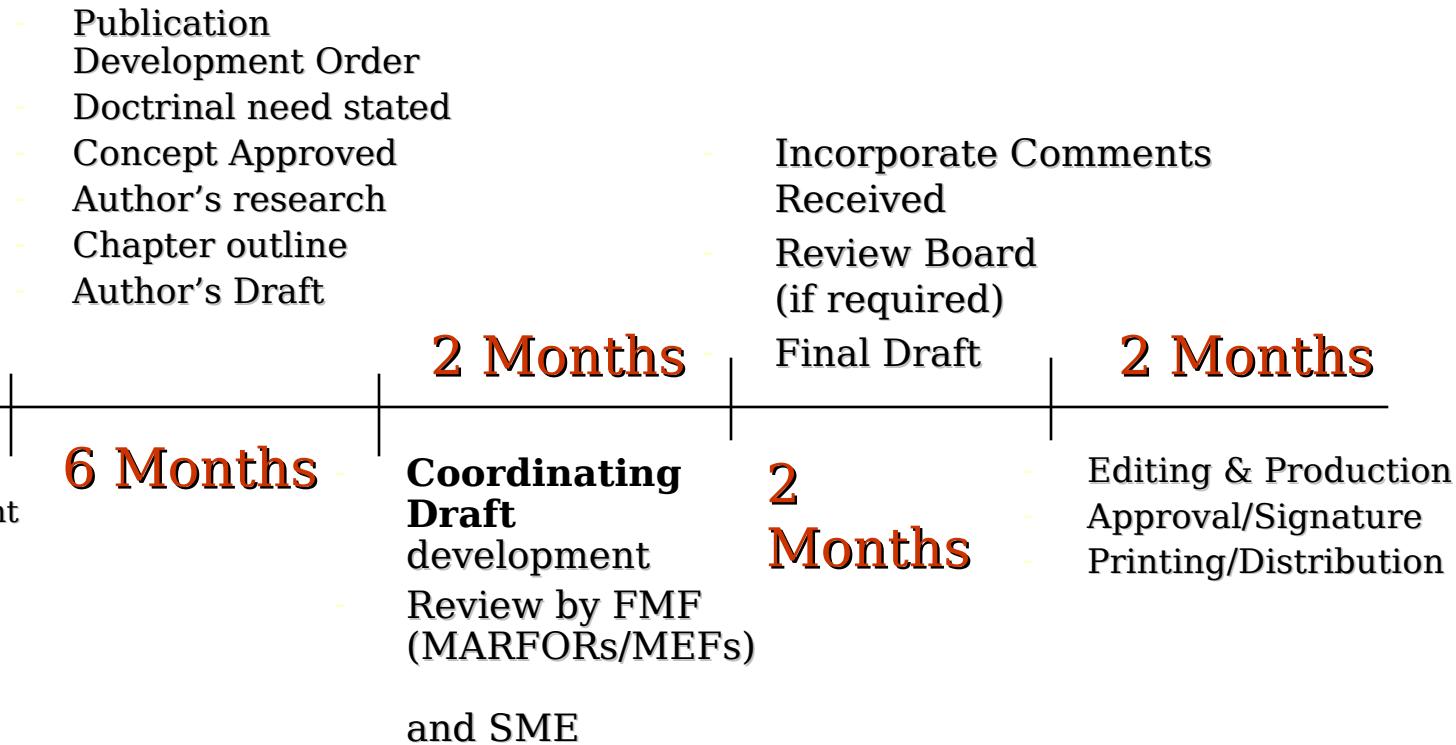
Proponent Tasking

- **Marine Corps Combat Development Command: EXECUTIVE AGENT**
- **Proponent-Action Officer Team**
 - **Links Training and Education closely with Doctrine**
- **Goals:**
 - **Capture best tactics, techniques, and procedures.**
 - **Consistency between school house and Doctrine**



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Production Timeline



12-18 Months



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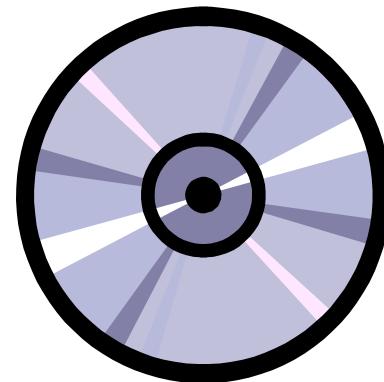
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***Updated
Annually***

***World Wide
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